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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-11 (canceled).

Claim 12 (currently amended): A microstrip line, comprising:
a dielectric substrate having a front surface and a back surface;
a ground electrode provided on the back surface of said dielectric substrate; and
a line electrode provided on the front surface of the dielectric substrate; wherein
edge electrodes are provided at edges on both sides of the line electrode;
said edge electrodes are arranged substantially perpendicular to the front surface
of the dielectric substrate; and
the line electrode ~~is~~ and the edge electrodes are defined by only a single layer
electrode.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The microstrip line according to Claim 12, wherein a pair
of reinforcing components made of a material having a small dielectric loss are provided
on the front surface of the dielectric substrate to support the edge electrodes.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): The microstrip line according to Claim 13, wherein the
reinforcing components are defined by insulating films made of a resin material.

Claim 15 (withdrawn): The microstrip line according to Claim 13, wherein the
reinforcing components are made of a ceramic material.

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Claim 16 (withdrawn): The microstrip line according to Claim 13, wherein a line groove is provided between the pair of reinforcing components, with the front surface of the dielectric substrate defining a bottom of the groove, said line groove includes sides that are substantially perpendicular to the front surface of the dielectric substrate, the line electrode is provided at the bottom of the line groove, and the edge electrodes are linked along the entire length of the line electrode and the edges of the line electrode are located on the sides of the line groove.

Claim 17 (withdrawn): The microstrip line according to Claim 13, wherein a line groove is provided between the pair of reinforcing components, with the front surface of the dielectric substrate defining a bottom of the groove, said line groove includes sides that are inclined to the front surface of the dielectric substrate, the line electrode is provided at the bottom of the line groove, and the edge electrodes are linked along the entire length of the line electrode and the edges of the line electrode are located on the sides of the line groove.

Claim 18 (withdrawn): The microstrip line according to Claim 13, wherein the edge electrodes include a flat portion extending substantially parallel to the front surface of the dielectric substrate along the top of the reinforcing components.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): The microstrip line according to Claim 13, wherein a portion of the line electrode extends between the reinforcing components and the front surface of the dielectric substrate.

Claim 20 (withdrawn): The microstrip line according to Claim 12, wherein a flat electrode links upper ends of the edge electrodes.

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Claim 21 (withdrawn): The microstrip line according to Claim 20, wherein a space surrounded by the line electrode, the flat electrode, and the edge electrodes is filled with a filler having a small dielectric loss tangent.

Claim 22 (withdrawn): The microstrip line according to Claim 12, wherein a reinforcing layer overlaps the front surface of the dielectric substrate and is made of a material with a small dielectric loss tangent, such that the reinforcing layer supports the edge electrodes.

Claim 23 (currently amended): A microstrip line, comprising:
a dielectric substrate having a front surface and a back surface;
a ground electrode provided on the back surface of said dielectric substrate; and
a line electrode provided on the front surface of the dielectric substrate; wherein
edge electrodes are provided at edges on both sides of the line electrode;
said edge electrodes are disposed at an angle relative to the front surface of the dielectric substrate; and
the line electrode ~~is~~ and the edge electrode are defined by only a single layer electrode.

Claim 24 (withdrawn): The microstrip line according to Claim 23, wherein a pair of reinforcing components made of a material having a small dielectric loss are provided on the front surface of the dielectric substrate to support the edge electrodes.

Claim 25 (withdrawn): The microstrip line according to Claim 24, wherein the reinforcing components are defined by insulating films made of a resin material.

Claim 26 (withdrawn): The microstrip line according to Claim 24, wherein the reinforcing components are made of a ceramic material.

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Claim 27 (withdrawn): The microstrip line according to Claim 24, wherein a line groove is provided between the pair of reinforcing components, with the front surface of the dielectric substrate defining a bottom of the groove, said line groove includes sides that are substantially perpendicular to the front surface of the dielectric substrate, the line electrode is provided at the bottom of the line groove, and the edge electrodes are linked along the entire length of the line electrode and the edges of the line electrode are located on the sides of the line groove.

Claim 28 (withdrawn): The microstrip line according to Claim 24, wherein a line groove is provided between the pair of reinforcing components, with the front surface of the dielectric substrate defining a bottom of the groove, said line groove includes sides that are inclined to the front surface of the dielectric substrate, the line electrode is provided at the bottom of the line groove, and the edge electrodes are linked along the entire length of the line electrode and the edges of the line electrode are located on the sides of the line groove.

Claim 29 (withdrawn): The microstrip line according to Claim 24, wherein the edge electrodes include a flat portion extending substantially parallel to the front surface of the dielectric substrate along the top of the reinforcing components.

Claim 30 (withdrawn): The microstrip line according to Claim 24, wherein a portion of the line electrode extends between the reinforcing components and the front surface of the dielectric substrate.

Claim 31 (withdrawn): The microstrip line according to Claim 23, wherein a flat electrode links upper ends of the edge electrodes.

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Claim 32 (withdrawn): The microstrip line according to Claim 31, wherein a space surrounded by the line electrode, the flat electrode, and the edge electrodes is filled with a filler having a small dielectric loss tangent.

Claim 33 (withdrawn): The microstrip line according to Claim 23, wherein a reinforcing layer overlaps the front surface of the dielectric substrate and is made of a material with a small dielectric loss tangent, such that the reinforcing layer supports the edge electrodes.

Claims 34-44 (canceled).